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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TECH, SENV, MX

SUBJ: SECOND BINANTIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON US/MEXICO BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROBLEMS: SEPARATE EPA/SMA MEETING

REF: MEXICO 2561

1. REFTEL IN PARA 2 REFERRED TO SEPARATE EPA/SMA MEETING  
AT WHICH AGREEMENT REACHED FOR "PROGRAM OF JOINT ACTIVITIES.  
EPA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FITZHUGH GREEN WAS TO SUMMARIZE  
"UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED" IN LETTER TO UNDERSECRETARY VIZCAINO  
MURRAY. (EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF THIS LETTER, DATED  
MARCH 20.)

2. AS DEPT AND EPA AWARE (SEE MEXICO CITY A-228 OF MAY 11,  
1974 AND PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE), FOREIGN SECRETARIAT IS  
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE OVER ITS PREROGATIVES WITH RESPECT TO  
"AGREEMENTS". SECRETARY RABASA HAS IN PAST WARNED EMBASSY  
THAT NO AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN MEXICA AND FOREIGN AGENCY  
IS VALID WITHOUT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT APPROVAL. FONSEC  
ACQUIESCED IN CONTINUATION OF BILATERAL BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL  
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TALKS (FOR "EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION") ONLY RELUCTANTLY

AND AFTER STRONG AND CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM OTHER GOM AGENCIES AND FROM EMBASSY.

3. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, DEPT AND EPA SHOULD EXERCISE GREAT CAUTION IN FORMULATING OR RELYING UPON ANY "AGREEMENT" OR "UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER MERITORIOUS, BETWEEN EPA AND SAM UNLESS FOREIGN SECRETARIAT APPROVAL OBTAINED. BEFORE MEETING, SMA REPEATEDLY ASSURED SCI COUNSELOR AND ECON COUNSELOR THAT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT CONSTANTLY CONSULTED AND APPROVED ITS PLANS. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, HAD NO SUCH INDICATION FROM FONSEC WHICH SENT NO REPRESENTATIVE TO MEETING. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GIVEN BACKGROUND OF INTERNAL GOM DIFFERENCES ON THESE TALKS, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT MAY FEEL THAT "AGREEMENTS" OR "UNDERSTANDINGS" REACHED BETWEEN USG AND GOM AGENCIES WITHOUT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT PARTICIPATION, REFLECT SOME DEGREE OF BAD FAITH ON PART OF USG.  
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